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In the claims:

1 - 9. (canceled)

- 10. (Previously presented) A headering arrangement for a heat exchanger for use in automotive applications, comprising:
 - a heat exchanger body part;
 - a heat exchanger tank part;
 - a header:
 - a plurality of tubes extending from the heat exchanger body part;
- a header pan disposed at an end of the plurality of tubes, wherein the header pan i) includes a plurality of slots for receiving the plurality of tubes, ii) is a flat pan, and iii) defines a plurality of collars, each of the plurality of collars forming a ferrule surrounding and in contact with a respective one of the plurality of tubes;
 - a tank foot at the end of the heat exchanger tank part; and
 - a gasket;

wherein.

<u>e</u>ach slot of the plurality of slots is formed with a respective one of the plurality of collars to accept a respective one of the plurality of tubes;

the plurality of tubes pass through the plurality of slots and maintain the tank foot in place; and

the plurality of collars is inverted in relation to a line of extension of the plurality of tubes.

11. (Previously presented) A headering arrangement for a heat exchanger as in claim 10, wherein the plurality of tubes extending from the heat exchanger body part has a length of: less than twice the thickness of the header plus the tank foot width of the header; or about twice the thickness of the header plus the tank foot width of the header. Appln. S.N. 10/582,735 Amdt. dated March 24, 2010

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 (Previously presented) A headering arrangement for a heat exchanger as in claim 11, wherein the header pan further comprises at least one flat

medallion.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A headering arrangement for a heat exchanger as

in claim [[3]]12, wherein the gasket is essentially flat in shape.

15 - 16. (Canceled)

17. (New) A headering arrangement for a heat exchanger as in claim 10,

wherein the header pan further comprises at least one flat medallion.

18. (New) A headering arrangement for a heat exchanger as in claim 10,

wherein the gasket is essentially flat in shape.

19. (New) A headering arrangement for a heat exchanger for use in

automotive applications, comprising:

a heat exchanger body part;

a heat exchanger tank part;

a header;

a plurality of tubes extending from the heat exchanger body part

a header pan disposed at an end of the plurality of tubes, wherein the

header pan i) includes a plurality of slots for receiving the plurality of tubes, ii) is a

flat pan, and iii) defines a plurality of collars, each of the plurality of collars forming

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a ferrule surrounding and in contact with a respective one of the plurality of tubes, and wherein the header pan further includes at least one flat medallion;

a tank foot at the end of the heat exchanger tank part; and a gasket essentially flat in shape;

wherein:

<u>e</u>ach slot of the plurality of slots is formed with a respective one of the plurality of collars to accept a respective one of the plurality of tubes;

the plurality of tubes pass through the plurality of slots and maintain the tank foot in place; and

the plurality of collars is inverted in relation to a line of extension of the plurality of tubes.